

UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Spurgeon Keeny
The White House

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The following extract of a speech made by President Johnson on May 10, 1962 may be of interest:

"This program [the space program] is not viewed in military versus nonmilitary terms. Our capacity in space will contribute to keeping the peace, and it will help us to live better in peace.

A number of space programs contribute directly to the Nation's security as well as to the well-being of mankind. Among these are: mapping, surveillance, identification, navigation, communications, and weather projects.

Progress in manned flights, spaceship propulsion, in rocketry, medicine, and metallurgy -- all of these support our national objectives.

It is, therefore, a unified program that emphasizes peaceful purposes and is ready to meet peace-keeping needs." *

* Address by the Vice President to the Second National Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Space, May 10, 1962. Documents on International Aspects of the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, 1954-1962. Staff Report Prepared for The Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, U.S. Senate, 88th Cong., First Session, Doc. No. 18, p.262.